

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Claims 1, 3, and 7-9, and cancelled the Claims 2 and 4-6. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Therefore, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings and requested that the Figures 18-24 be designed prior art. Submitted herewith are five replacement sheets for the Figures 18-24.

The Examiner has indicated that the Claims 6-9 are allowable. Applicant has amended the independent Claims 1 and 3 to include the limitation of the allowable Claim 6 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims 1 and 3 are allowable. Still further, the Claims 7-9 have been made dependent upon the allowable Claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims 1, 3, and 7-9 are all allowable.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, and enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by way of this amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith are five replacement sheets for the Figures 18-24.